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# NOTEWORTHY

Newsletter of the Central Maine Library District

Fall 2001

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## Libraries Alive! PR @ Your Library

*Special Fall Council meeting with the Southern Maine Library District, Thursday, October 18, 2001, Augusta Civic Center*

If you are responsible for planning a new building, enhancing your library's image, initiating a new library service, or increasing budget support, the combined Fall Council Meeting on October 18th at the Augusta Civic Center will provide practical solutions to your library's marketing challenges.

Whether your community is public, academic, school, medical, legal, or corporate clientele, this one-day session sponsored by the Central and Southern Maine Library Districts will offer an effective way to increase your library's effectiveness.

Nancy Marshall, President, Marshall Communications, will critique library web sites and promotional materials and introduce new techniques for getting your message across. Additional speakers will discuss the latest in desktop publishing, merchandising, and web design. You will have a chance to show off your library's promotional materials during the Poster Sessions. And we will be giving out samples from ALA's exciting "@ Your Library" campaign!

## Updated Web Site Launched

CMLD's re-designed web site was published in August. Visit [www.state.me.us/msl/cmlld](http://www.state.me.us/msl/cmlld) and view:

- New logo
- Calendar of events
- Meeting information
- CMLD professional collection
- 5 for 5 book review information
- Summer reading kits
- District background information

Registration forms, to print out and send in, are being added for various programs and workshops. The site continues to evolve and is intended to keep member libraries informed about what is going on in the district.

## New Board Members Elected

*Elections held at the Spring, 2001 Council Meeting*

Rick Speer, Director of the Lewiston Public Library, and David Olson, Trustee of the Farmington and Wilton Public Libraries, were elected to the CMLD Executive Board at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting. The Executive Board is composed of nine persons representing librarians, trustees, and laypersons. The board acts on behalf of membership in an advisory capacity for the District to the Maine Library Commission, the Area Reference and Resource Center, and the State Librarian in the areas of:

- Developing, updating, and evaluating a plan of service in the District which will encourage cooperative activity among all types of libraries;
- Communicating the ongoing needs of the District regarding program and services.

**The present CMLD Executive Board Members are:**

**Karl Aromaa** (Ex-Officio), Commission Representative, Rumford Public Library, Rumford; **Dr. Tamara Blesh**, School Representative, Gardiner High School; **Suzanne Finn**, Member-at-Large; **Vaughan Gagne**, Public Library Representative, Wilton Public Library, Wilton; **Jay Hoffman**, Academic Representative, University of Maine – Augusta; **Jeri Ann Holt**, Special Library Representative, Maine Municipal Association, Augusta; **Betty Hughes**, Public Library Representative, Patten Free Library, Bath; **David Olson**, Trustee Representative, MaineWest Business Technology, Farmington; **Ken Patten**, School Representative, Winthrop High School, Winthrop; **Rick Speer**, Trustee Representative, Lewiston Public Library, Lewiston; **Bonnie Dwyer** (Ex-Officio), Consultant, Central Maine Library District, Maine State Library, Augusta; **Linda Lord** (Ex-Officio), Director of Library Development, Maine State Library, Augusta

## Executive Board Meeting Schedule

All meetings are from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at UMA Library in Augusta, unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> (snow date, February 7<sup>th</sup>)

## SCOOP Can Save You Money!

Buying furniture for a library renovation project? Looking for the best prices in audiobooks? Want to increase your large print collection? All members of the Maine Regional Library System are entitled to use the SCOOP Purchasing Cooperative for special discounts. A list of participating vendors and their discounts is included in the bright gold SCOOP catalog distributed in 2000 to member libraries. Discount terms have been renewed and remain in effect through June 2003.

### Participating Book & AV vendors:

- Audio Editions
- Baker & Taylor
- BWI-Book Wholesalers, Inc.
- Brodart
- Chivers North America, Inc
- Davidson Titles, Inc.
- Ingram Library Services, Inc
- The Library Store
- Perma-Bound
- Sagebrush [Econo-Clad Books]
- Whitcomb Associates

### Participating Furniture and Supply Vendors:

- Bradco Chair Co.
- Brodart
- Demco
- Gaylord
- Highsmith, Inc.
- The Library Store
- The Tucker Co.
- Vernon Library Supplies, Inc.

## Keep up-to-date with MeLibs

The Maine Library listserv is a way to keep up with the library scene in Maine. Anyone with an email account and an interest in Maine libraries should join the Maine Libraries Discussion List, MELIBS-L. This is a free service of the Maine State Library, and a great way to stay informed about library happenings and to share information with colleagues. Messages sent to MELIBS-L are "reflected" to all subscribers and show up among their incoming mail messages. It's free and it is easy to subscribe. Simply visit [www.state.me.us/msl/mgmelibs.htm](http://www.state.me.us/msl/mgmelibs.htm)

## Central Maine Library District Association Seeks Nominees

The positions of Vice President and Assistant Treasurer are vacant and will need to be filled during elections at the fall council meeting October 18th.

The CMLD *Association\** is the non-profit arm of the Central Maine Library District. The Executive Committee of the Association is comprised of its officers, who meet two or three times a year to oversee the finances of the Central Maine Library District. These funds are acquired through registration fees, grants, fundraisers, etc. and are used to support district programs, speakers, workshops, and supplies.

The CMLD Association Executive Committee is elected by the full CMLD membership at a Fall or Spring Council meeting. The Vice President and Asst. Treasurer will be elected at this year's Fall meeting for a two year term.

If you work in a library in the Central Maine Library District and are interested in having your name on the ballot this fall for either position, please contact:

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\*Please note: The CMLD Association Executive Committee mentioned above is not to be confused with the CMLD Executive Board which plans programming, workshops, keeps tabs on legislation, etc.

### In Memoriam Walter John Taranko, 1943-2001

Walt Taranko, long-time friend and mentor to many Maine librarians, passed away on June 26, 2001 after a long battle with cancer. Born in Poland, Walter came to the U.S. at the age of seven. He grew up in Indiana, Massachusetts and Richmond, Maine, and worked for the Maine Department of Education as School Library Media Consultant. Walt provided the school library community with guidance related to programming and certification. In recognition of his mentoring role in the library community, and at his request, Walter's family has established a scholarship in his name to be used for continuing education in the school library field. Contributions may be sent to the fund c/o Sylvia Norton, Maine State Library, 64 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0064. Walt is sadly missed by all who knew him.

## Public Library Director's Round Table

Public Library Directors from CMLD libraries are invited to the next meeting at Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Intended for library directors only, these bi-monthly meetings provide an opportunity for collegial support and collaborative problem solving. Edna Comstock, Electronic Information Services Librarian from the Maine State Library, will be a special guest at the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Also known as "The E-rate Queen", Edna will provide the latest updates on this complex subject.

## 2001-2001 S.P.A.R.K. Meeting Schedule

### "Stimulating Programs and Resources for Kids"

SPARK meetings are open to anyone interested in children's programming in libraries, including but not limited to: librarians, friends, trustees. All meetings are from 9:30 to 11:30.

Thursday, September 6, Cumston Library, Monmouth  
Topic: Collection Development  
Wednesday, November 7, Jay-Niles Memorial Library, No. Jay  
Topic: Serving Teens  
Tuesday, Jan. 8 (s.d. Jan. 15), Lithgow Library, Augusta  
Topic: Humor  
Thursday, Mar 7 (s.d. Mar 14), Skowhegan Public Library  
Topic: Summer Reading Programs  
Wednesday, May 22, Bowdoinham Public Library  
Topic: Community Partnerships

## NMLD Workshop Features Author Sandra Nelson

The Northeastern Maine Library District is sponsoring **THE NEW PLANNING FOR RESULTS & MANAGING FOR RESULTS** workshop on Thursday, September 20 and Friday, September 21, 2001, presented by Sandra Nelson. The 2-day workshop will be held at the Black Bear Inn in Orono. Free overnight accommodations are offered for Thursday night, September 20, 2001. There is no limit on the miles or time you travel to attend the workshop to qualify for a free overnight. There is a registration fee of \$20. Registration will be limited to two persons per library. Trustees are encouraged to attend. It is recommended that you register early due to limited space. Librarians from the Central Maine Library District and Southern Maine Library District are welcome to register. For more information and registration forms contact Benita D. Davis, Northeastern Maine Library District, 145 Harlow Street, Bangor ME 04401 1-800-427-8336

## Calendar

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- September 6** **S.P.A.R.K.** Topic: Collection Development, Cumston Library, Monmouth, 9:30 - 11:30
- September 10** **Weeding Workshop.** Instructor: Bonnie Collins. Winslow Public Library, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- September 11** **Weeding Workshop.** Instructor: Bonnie Collins. Auburn Middle School Library, 3:00 - 7:00
- September 13** **Weeding Workshop.** Instructor: Bonnie Collins. Belgrade Public Library, 8:30 - 12:30
- September 18** **CMLD Executive Board.** UMA Library, 8:30 - 10:30.
- September 19** **SMLD Performers' Showcase.** Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick, 8:45 - 1:00. Preregistration required. Contact [SMLD@portland.lib.me.us](mailto:SMLD@portland.lib.me.us) or call 871-1766.
- September 20** **Capital Area School Librarians,**
- September 20-21** **NMLD Sandra Nelson Workshop:** The New Planning for Results and Managing for Results. Black Bear Inn, Orono. FMI [www.bpl.lib.me.us/nml/](http://www.bpl.lib.me.us/nml/)
- September 22-29** **Banned Books Week.** Develop Yourself: Expose Your Mind to a Banned Book"
- September 28** **Friends of Maine Libraries Annual Meeting.** Guest Speaker: Tabitha King, Senator Inn, Augusta.
- Sept. 30 - Oct. 2** **New England Library Association Conference.** Burlington, Vermont.
- October 4** **CMLD Public Library Directors' Round Table.** E-rate update with Edna Comstock. Boothbay Harbor Library, 9:30 - 11:30.
- October 9** **The Future of Libraries.** Ann Marie Gold, Stanford Institute on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarianship. Augusta/Waterville location TBA.
- October 11** **Waterville Area School Librarians.** Waterville High School, 3:15 - 4:45.
- October 18** **Libraries Alive! PR @ Your Library,** Combined CMLD/SMLD Fall Council Meeting, Augusta Civic Center.
- Oct. 26 - Nov. 2** **Book Repair Workshop.** Instructor: Abraham Schecter. Waterville Public Library, 9:00 - 12:30.
- November 7** **S.P.A.R.K.** Topic: Serving Teens. Jay-Niles Memorial Library, North Jay, 9:30 - 11:30.
- November 15** **CMLD Executive Board.** UMA Library, 8:30 - 10:30.
- December 5** **CMLD Public Library Directors' Round Table.** Lithgow Public Library, Augusta. 9:30 - 11:30. Snow date, December 6.

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